

former U.S. Marine and their two sons graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Mrs. Innerst's dedication has touched the lives of many people and challenged all with whom she served to be the best. Her legacy of service is admirable.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate Diane Innerst upon her retirement after many years of service to Harrisburg Academy and our community.

# HONORING THE 27TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 32nd Annual King Day Celebration and the cornerstone of the event, the 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in partnership with the Cecil & Irene Hylton Foundation.

Annually, the Hylton Foundation and the members of the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated invite community members to gather on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to reflect upon the past year and receive a message of hope from the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will forever be engrained in our history as the formative figure in the quest for justice through civil dialogue.

In his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Dr. King highlighted the need for civility in order to establish equality. For his courage, vision, and perseverance, we celebrate Dr. King, not just for the man he was, but for his vision of the American Dream and what America can be. While his life was cut short by a senseless act of violence, his legacy is one of tolerance. Responding through peaceful and principled communication to condemn the injustice of social and racial inequality, Dr. King worked tirelessly to establish a more united society. As we gather days prior to the 58th inauguration, under this year's theme of "what the world needs now", participants in the Youth Oratorical Contest pay homage to the legacy of Dr. King through their delivery of extemporaneous remarks.

The ability to communicate with passion and clarity will serve them well as they assume future leadership opportunities and establish the personal relationships necessary for community engagement. I congratulate the following contestants in the 27th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest:

Middle School Contestants

Chelsea Campbell—Porter Traditional School

Jennine Faruque—Stonewall Middle School

Abdullah Usufzai—Ronald Reagan Middle School

High School Contestants

Gladys Gonzalez—Osborn High School

Norman Jones—Stonewall Jackson High School

Hamayel Safi—Woodbridge High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Alum-

nae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of purposeful and meaningful communication reminiscent of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2017 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest.

# RECOGNIZING MS. CAMILLE BENTLEY-MCGOLDRICK OF THE UNICAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, the United States and Australia share a special union culturally, economically, and as security partners. The friendship our two countries share is strengthened by programs like the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program. For the past 18 years, the Uni-Capitol Program has paired students from Australia with offices on Capitol Hill. Since the program's inception, more than 180 students from 10 partner Australian universities have participated. The students in this program are the best and the brightest that Australia has to offer. They bring a unique perspective to the House and Senate offices that they serve, strengthening the special alliance between our two nations and fostering greater understanding and mutual respect between us.

This year, it has been my pleasure to host Ms. Camille Bentley-McGoldrick in my Washington office. Camille, a first year law student at the University of Melbourne, is a great example of the high-caliber students this program provides Congressional offices. She proved herself to be very intelligent, motivated, and hard working. Camille is also an absolute pleasure to work with. No matter the assignment, she is always eager to help and approaches every new task with a smile. Furthermore, Camille excelled in drafting correspondence to my constituents, researching a wide-range of legislative issues for staffers, and attending briefings on a multitude of topics, all while demonstrating a desire to learn about, and engage in, the important and unique policy issues facing our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that Camille will go on to do great things. She has a very bright and exciting future ahead of her. I wish her all the very best.

## GERARDO MONTONE

## HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Gerardo Montone, a hardworking and dedicated member of the Roma Club of Woodland Park, NJ, who will be honored at the Roma Club Dinner Dance on Sunday.

Gerardo was born and raised in a small town in Italy called Punta Licosa. He lived there with his parents, Valentino and Rosa Montone, brother Antonio and sister Antoinette, but at the age of eighteen Gerardo's

family decided to make the big move to the United States. After months of living with his aunt and uncle in New York, Gerardo, with his mother Rosa and sister Antoinette, moved to my home town of Paterson, New Jersey, where he still lives today.

Gerardo has been an extremely hard worker his entire life. After just one day of living in the United States he got a job working at Lembo Textile Shop. Gerardo worked making rollers for textile printers. After living in the United States for some time, Gerardo picked up a second job. He worked the night shift at Master Screens in Clifton, NJ. Gerardo quickly saw himself thriving at Master Screens, and eventually became the manager of the entire location, making it his primary job for seven years.

Finally, after a year of being in the United States, Gerardo's brother Antonio and sister-in-law moved to Paterson, NJ and began working with Gerardo to build their own two-family home. Gerardo lived on one floor with his mother Rosa and sister Antoinette, while his brother Antonio and sister-in-law lived on the second floor with their two children. As you can tell, Gerardo is a self-made man who achieves everything he sets his mind to.

Aside from building houses and managing a textile shop, he loves fishing and eating seafood. Whenever he has downtime he gets his rod and heads to go fishing. Because of his passion for fishing he decided to open his own seafood market. He named it San Marco's Fish Market, and it was located on 21st Avenue in Paterson, NJ. He kept the business in the family and employed his brother Antonio, sister Antoinette, and sister-in-law. His market became incredibly successful, and he eventually began supplying seafood to many local restaurants. Gerardo succeeded in the seafood industry for 12 years, when he decided to begin achieving some of his other dreams.

After years of being out in the workforce, Gerardo decided to go back to school so that he could begin doing what he truly loved. In 2000, Gerardo opened up Montone Remodeling and Construction, Incorporated. Gerardo still runs and operates his company, and has had much success with his business. Asides from fishing and being at the company, Gerardo loves to spend time with his son Gerardo, Jr, and his wife of 14 years, Julia. Gerardo is an extremely hard working man, and I do not see him slowing down at any time in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, family and friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Gerardo Montone and his hard work and dedication to the Roma Club of Woodland Park, NJ.

# RECOGNIZING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ON OBTAINING CERTIFICATIONS AND RENEWALS FROM THE 2016 NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Prince William County Public